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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Primary Examiner's decision dated January 8, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-15 and 18-25.

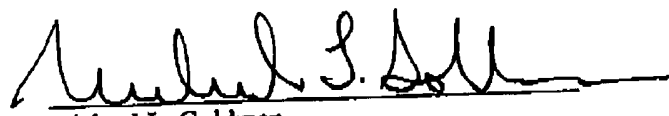
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Respectfully submitted,

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